

DOE's EGS Program Review Roadmapping

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GTP/EGS Roadmapping Objective

- GTP/EGS roadmapping defines a technical pathway for the Program
- * The roadmapping process strengthens team effectiveness
- The completed roadmap communicates a shared vision for the Program

Background: GTP/EGS Roadmapping Effort

- Approach popularized by Bob Galvin
- Science and technology roadmapping is a tool for focusing on priorities and defining the critical path for achieving challenging S & T objectives
- Budget concerns and technical challenges combine to favor a roadmapping approach
- * What technical issue does the project address?
- See EGS Technical Challenges and Barriers in Draft GTP Multiyear Plan:
 - http://www1.eere.energy.gov/geothermal/program review.html
- * How will project help to achieve overall program goals?

The GTP/ EGS Roadmapping Effort

Approach

- Core Team/Surveys
- Internet conferencing
- Stanford workshop
- * Review/Revisions

Results/Accomplishments

Pathways/Technologies Considered

- * Site characterization
- Wellfield construction and management
- * Resource management
- Productivity/permeability enhancement
- Energy conversion

Results/Accomplishments

- ❖ 58 milestones identified supporting these five major technology groupings
- Summarized in GTP/EGS Program milestones graphic; (Fig. 3-2) and Milestone explanatory notes

Application to EGS Planning

Focus of roadmapping EGS planning

- * Site Characterization
- * Resource management
- Productivity/permeability enhancement

Technical Workgroup Approach

- Each Technical Workgroup should identify what is required to reduce risk and improve knowledge relevant to its technical scope
- The identified tasks should be addressed in two time categories:
 - ➤ Near term-during the next 30 months (January, 2009)
 - ➤ Long term-Post January,2009

Workgroup Approach (Cont'd)

- ❖ Select pathways for detailed planning based on personal knowledge, EGS Feasibility Study and Roadmap recommendations.
- ❖ For each of the risk-reducing technologies selected, what is the objective? (By year x, what capability needs to be developed to achieve the programmatic goals in each of these three subelements?)
- * What is the status of the technology supporting this pathway?
- * What are the technical achievements required to accomplish the programmatic goals for this pathway?

Conclusion

- ❖ Roadmapping provides a logical approach for planning implementation of EGS Capabilities development
- Draft GTP/EGS Roadmapping and EGS Feasibility Study provide starting points for consideration of capabilities required to reduce risk
- Cross-disciplinary composition of workgroup teams encourages barrier identification and creative solutions